

From: [Gray, David](#)
To: [Carey, Curtis](#)
Cc: [Crossland, Ronnie](#); [R6HarveyInfo](#)
Subject: Re: EPA Austin contacts
Date: Wednesday, September 6, 2017 7:35:39 PM
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CLs should not be doing interviews. Our reporting is off your cycle so you will have to use it as best you can

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On Sep 6, 2017, at 7:08 PM, Carey, Curtis <Carey.Curtis@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks. It's a great plan. The JFO JIC has two reporting requirements for us currently:

- <!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->8:00 a.m. verbal report out at PIO standup.
Report any media interviews scheduled for the day or expected news releases, or hot issue items that will come up, etc.
- <!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->2:00 p.m. daily written input to JIC report on media interviews that occurred during the day.

Do you anticipate the CLs will set up or conduct any interviews while in the field?

From: Gray, David
Sent: Wednesday, September 06, 2017 4:30 PM
To: Carey, Curtis <Carey.Curtis@epa.gov>; Crossland, Ronnie <Crossland.Ronnie@epa.gov>; R6HarveyInfo <R6HarveyInfo@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: EPA Austin contacts

So you have the latest insight into the concept of operations for the CLs.

The PIAT is currently pulling together information to support this effort. I plan on reviewing the inventory of material. I think they have the correct subjects but want to make certain we have not missed anything. I am also working with TCEQ on information they want us to share for them.

We are pulling together a group of community liaisons (CICs, RSC, EJ and others) and integrating them into each of the EOCs in the 38 counties. We added a CL coordinator to the REOC to guide overall coordination. I met with EJ and they will feed information to help with strategic planning and targeting. I joined them for the first EJ call yesterday.

The CL network will help our information to be available for distribution throughout the county by the entire county EOC partners, and ensure locals have access to any EPA guidance or best practices for county specific challenges (septic tanks, hhw, etc.). Where we have long-standing environmental justice networks the CL will also work to integrate the county EOC with those networks for collaboration and information sharing. Also, working with Arturo - we will have the first CLs in Pt Arthur and Harris counties be from our EJ office to make certain these get off to a good start regarding EJ integration.

From: Carey, Curtis

Sent: Wednesday, September 06, 2017 4:25 PM

To: Crossland, Ronnie <Crossland.Ronnie@epa.gov>; Gray, David <gray.david@epa.gov>; R6HarveyInfo <R6HarveyInfo@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: EPA Austin contacts

Copy, thanks

From: Crossland, Ronnie
Sent: Wednesday, September 06, 2017 3:20 PM
To: Gray, David <gray.david@epa.gov>; Carey, Curtis <Carey.Curtis@epa.gov>; Lyssy, Gregory <lyssy.gregory@epa.gov>; R6HarveyInfo <R6HarveyInfo@epa.gov>
Cc: McAteer, Mike <mcateer.mike@epa.gov>; Honker, William <honker.william@epa.gov>; Carroll, Craig <Carroll.Craig@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: EPA Austin contacts

Curtis,

Thanks for sending this. We should probably make sure we have a consistent message between EPA, FEMA, and TCEQ. That is probably why David wants to send you information associated with our Community Liaisons. David is coordinating with TCEQ on the material so let's wait to see what he has.

With regard to meetings/phone calls to participate on, I forwarded your request to Craig Carroll to identify the appropriate field calls for operational awareness.

I may try to come over the JFO tomorrow and hopefully we can get together. Welcome to Austin.

Ronnie

From: Gray, David
Sent: Wednesday, September 06, 2017 3:33 PM
To: Carey, Curtis <Carey.Curtis@epa.gov>; Lyssy, Gregory <lyssy.gregory@epa.gov>; R6HarveyInfo <R6HarveyInfo@epa.gov>; Crossland, Ronnie <Crossland.Ronnie@epa.gov>
Cc: McAteer, Mike <mcateer.mike@epa.gov>; Honker, William <honker.william@epa.gov>
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Curtis – I will share copies of the information that we will send out with our Community Liaisons.

David

From: Carey, Curtis
Sent: Wednesday, September 06, 2017 2:18 PM
To: Lyssy, Gregory <lyssy.gregory@epa.gov>; R6HarveyInfo <R6HarveyInfo@epa.gov>;

Crossland, Ronnie <Crossland.Ronnie@epa.gov>

Cc: McAteer, Mike <mcateer.mike@epa.gov>; Honker, William <honker.william@epa.gov>; Gray, David <gray.david@epa.gov>

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That's pretty funny. I'm sitting five feet from Karen. Checked in with her this morning when I arrived. I even bought her coffee around mid-morning. She asked me about half an hour ago, "aren't you with HUD?" She knows now. She needed EPA's report out on any media interviews in the field today.

I sent **David** an email asking if we've had any interviews.

Ronnie: Did you see the debris sorting graphic I sent you that FEMA developed? They would like to get it into their approval chain today. As is, I can't sign off for EPA since I haven't seen the contract for the debris pickup. I had two questions:

<!--[if !supportLists]-->1. <!--[endif]-->Should people bag their leaves and other vegetative debris (lawn bags)?

<!--[if !supportLists]-->2. <!--[endif]-->Should people follow their normal household garbage removal schedule with their local municipal waste company, rather than setting the household garbage next to the curb for pickup with white goods, etc.?

From: Lyssy, Gregory

Sent: Wednesday, September 06, 2017 12:18 PM

To: Carey, Curtis <Carey.Curtis@epa.gov>; R6HarveyInfo <R6HarveyInfo@epa.gov>

Cc: McAteer, Mike <mcateer.mike@epa.gov>; Honker, William <honker.william@epa.gov>; Crossland, Ronnie <Crossland.Ronnie@epa.gov>

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Good afternoon Curtis:

Mike McAteer and I are here at the SEOC. Please see the email below for your POC info at the JFO.

Bill Honker has also checked in at the JFO (but he is currently here at the SEOC with us). We will be heading back this afternoon for introductions.

Please contact us if you need anything.

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Update on JIC at Austin JFO.... We paid a visit to the JIC today at noon and spoke with a few FEMA PIO's about EPA's plans to deploy field liaisons to distribute information to the public in the declared counties. They were happy to hear about the plan but, naturally, they want to see what it is we plan to distribute. We told them we would provide an advanced copy as soon as we get it here at the JFO/EOC. Our POC for the JIC is Lieutenant Commander Karen Kutkiewicz. Her number is 617 429 0314 and her email is Karen.L.Kutkiewicz@uscg.mil. Karen asked that the EPA PIO being sent to the JIC contact her as soon as he/she is checked in at the JFO.

If you have any questions/concerns, just let me know.

Thank you.

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From: Crossland, Ronnie
Sent: Wednesday, September 06, 2017 12:02 PM
To: Lyssy, Gregory <lyssy.gregory@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Daily conference calls

From: Carey, Curtis
Sent: Wednesday, September 06, 2017 12:21 PM
To: Crossland, Ronnie <Crossland.Ronnie@epa.gov>
Cc: Peterson, Mary <Peterson.Mary@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Daily conference calls

Hi Ronnie,

I joined the JFO JIC here in Austin today. Are you located at the state EOC? I'm located at the JFO 11000 North I-35.

If you're here, It would be great to catch up. If not, please let me know of any conference calls I should be plugging into to get the EPA operational overview updates.

You probably know that Sam C. and Albert "Kell" Kelly arrive here tonight.

Thanks,
Curtis

From: Peterson, Mary
Sent: Wednesday, September 06, 2017 11:06 AM
To: Buchholz, Ken <Buchholz.Kenneth@epa.gov>; Carey, Curtis <Carey.Curtis@epa.gov>
Cc: Ruiz, Adam <Ruiz.Adam@epa.gov>; Bryan, David <Bryan.David@epa.gov>; Brees, Angela <Brees.Angela@epa.gov>; Sanders, LaTonya <Sanders.Latonya@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Daily conference calls

Ronnie Crossland (EPA R6) should be at the ESF-10 desk.

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From: Buchholz, Ken
Sent: Wednesday, September 06, 2017 11:04 AM
To: Carey, Curtis <Carey.Curtis@epa.gov>
Cc: Ruiz, Adam <Ruiz.Adam@epa.gov>; Bryan, David <Bryan.David@epa.gov>; Brees, Angela <Brees.Angela@epa.gov>; Sanders, LaTonya <Sanders.Latonya@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Daily conference calls

PERFECT!

Find the ESF#10 desk. They will make sure you get on the EPA calls.

Thanks

From: Carey, Curtis
Sent: Wednesday, September 06, 2017 11:01 AM
To: Buchholz, Ken <Buchholz.Kenneth@epa.gov>
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I'm the first EPA rep here at the Joint Field Office. More people coming in today and tomorrow.

I have the JFO daily meeting schedule and have reached out to R6 and HQ on any calls

they have.

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On Sep 6, 2017, at 10:53 AM, Buchholz, Ken <Buchholz.Kenneth@epa.gov> wrote:

There are no daily calls that I am aware of. There is an every other day RM call; but you should really be tied into the senior leadership and JIC calls. I would think that the JIC, HQ, David Gray or Mary Peterson (in Dallas – Senior Leader) would have the battle rhythm of your daily calls that you should be on.

Thanks

Ken

P.S. Whomever you are filling in for (David Gray,.....they should leave you a contact phone list and your daily rhythm.)

From: Carey, Curtis

Sent: Wednesday, September 06, 2017 9:57 AM

To: Buchholz, Ken <Buchholz.Kenneth@epa.gov>; Ruiz, Adam <Ruiz.Adam@epa.gov>

Cc: Bryan, David <Bryan.David@epa.gov>; Brees, Angela <Brees.Angela@epa.gov>; Sanders, LaTonya <Sanders.Latonya@epa.gov>

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Ken or Adam

Can you send me the daily conference calls calendar invites for Harvey response calls? I believe there is one scheduled for 10:00 but the conference number I have doesn't work.

Thanks,
Curtis

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